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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 273
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ms. Jessica Andrews for the release of her first album, "Heart Shaped World" on March 23, 1999 by DreamWorks Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those persons who through their special endeavors are credits to their respective families, communities, and to the state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Ms. Jessica Andrews, a powerfully emotive female singer, who has made significant contributions to the country music industry and to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 1999, Jessica released her first debut album "Heart Shaped World" by DreamWorks Nashville and her single "I Will Be There For You", a powerful ballad with spiritual overtones, which has cracked the country Top 40; and

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WHEREAS, storming up the charts, “I Will Be There For You” currently stands at number 33 on the country chart in *Radio and Records* magazine. It recently received a big boost of publicity when the single was featured on the “Prince of Egypt-Nashville” soundtrack; and

WHEREAS, just recently, the song was also included in an episode of NBC-TV’s series “Providence” and was performed by Jessica herself on the NBC-TV program “Another World”; and

WHEREAS, Jessica, a West Tennessee native, gives credit for her continued success to Byron Gallimore, a Henry County native and acclaimed Nashville songwriter and producer; and

WHEREAS, she has been actively involved in talent contests since the age of 10, and after several years, she has been deservedly recognized for her love of country music and her strong, beautiful voice; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jessica Andrews exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Andrews is most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her parents, as well as her fans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Jessica Andrews for her many contributions to the country music industry and to the citizens of the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Ms. Jessica Andrews, for the release of her first album, “Heart Shaped World”, and her single, “I Will Be There For You”, and wish her much continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.